TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1278 - SB 1288

April 6, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits a member of a county or municipal legislative body from voting on any matter in which the member has a conflict of interest because the member, or the member's immediate family, is an employee of the respective county or municipality. Defines "immediate family" as a spouse, child, stepchild, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, or grandparent of the member.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005771): Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the amended bill prohibits a member of a county or municipal legislative body from voting on any matter in which the member has a conflict of interest because the member, or the member's immediate family, is an employee of the respective county or municipality. Declares that any member of a local legislative body not able to vote on a matter due to a conflict of interest shall not have their vote counted. Requires a two-thirds vote of the applicable local legislative body to adopt the measure. Defines "immediate family" as a spouse, child, stepchild, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or parent of the member.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This amended bill will have no fiscal impact on state government; applies only to local government.
- Prohibiting a county or municipal legislative body member from voting on an issue because of a conflict of interest is not anticipated to have any significant impact on local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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